

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 have been canceled. Claims 45-88 have been added. Therefore, claims 45-88 are now pending in the application.

Section 112, Second Paragraph, Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8-12, 14, 16-18, 20, 23-27, 29, 31-33, 35, 38-42 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite. In view of the cancellation of claims 1-44, the rejection under Section 112 is moot.

Section 102(b) Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kingdon et al. (U.S. Patent 5,784,560) (hereinafter “Kingdon”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in view of the cancellation of claims 1-44, this rejection is moot.

Added Claims:

Added independent claim 45 recites a computer-implemented method, comprising, in part, “storing access control information for a particular node of a tree of nodes representing entities managed by a directory server, wherein the access control information comprises at least one macro entry, and, in response to a request from a requester for a directory server operation targeted at a node of the tree, **generating an expanded version of the access control information using the macro entry**, wherein the expanded version comprises **additional information derived from one or more attributes stored at the directory server.**”

Applicants respectfully submit that the features recited in claim 45 are not taught or suggested by Kingdon, and that claim 45, along with its dependent claims, is therefore

in condition for allowance. Independent claims 60 and 75 also recite features using language similar to that of claim 45, and are therefore also believed to be in condition for allowance along with their respective dependent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-06200/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Notice of Change of Address
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference B1

Respectfully submitted,



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